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PROFIT IN MINING.

One of the most nonsensical, would-be wise subjects upon which men write, is the cost of producing gold and silver. If it has any other rival, it is the occasional dissertation to prove that the price of everything is governed by the cost of production, and the application of this principle to gold and silver mining. As regards the cost of producing gold and silver, no data has ever been collected which is conclusive. We can arrive at the average cost in any number of cases where mine owners and companies will make returns; but any figures based upon these returns are clearly applicable only to these companies, and not to others which do not make returns. It is evident to every thinker that to the total cost of producing either gold or silver should be charged all the time spent by prospectors in searching for these metals, as well as interest on the investments, wages paid, cost of machinery, and every other item of expense, direct and indirect, caused by prospecting and mining for these metals. Each and every item of expense mentioned is a necessary part of the total cost or expense of producing silver or gold. No government and no individual or company ever gathered all these items of expense, consequently all data on the question is wholly unreliable, because it is incomplete.

All we, or anyone else can say positively about the profit of gold and silver mining is this: we know what the value of the total product of each metal is for each year; on this point statistics are fairly accurate. We learn from the reports of incorporated mining companies that the declared dividends for each year equals over 12 per cent on an average of the total product. From a general knowledge of the business, we know that incorporated companies do not make all the profit; much of it is made by individuals and the aggregate of the amount so made is unknown and unobtainable. Probably over 20 per cent or one-fifth of the total product of gold and silver is profit to the actual producers. This estimate does not, of course, include the cost or value of the labor expended in necessary prospecting and unproductive work. But we know this: when we compare mining with other occupations, one-fifth of the value of agricultural products is not profit; one-fifth of the moneys received by merchants, or manufacturers, or bankers, or railway companies is not profit. Nor is 12 per cent of the receipts in any of these lines of business profit. To sum up all that can be said about the cost of silver and gold, or the profit obtained by mining for the precious metals, we are

sure of only this: a larger proportion of our total product is known to be profit than can be shown to be in any other human occupation.

A CONSOLIDATION.

The Mining Industry and Tradesman and the Mining Review, of Denver, have consolidated under the title of the Mining Industry and Review, and is one of the best mining journals published in the United States. Subscribe for it, miners, and keep posted. Subscription one year, \$2; six months, \$1.

A HIDDEN TREASURE.

Some time during the year 1598 Father Guerrero, a Jesuit priest, discovered a rich gold and silver bearing vein of quartz in the Socorro mountains. It was worked during 1600, and from all accounts paid well, as large amounts of the precious metals were mined in this vicinity during that time. As to the amount of development done on this mine, we have no record, and, therefore, cannot say if this is the same mine hereafter mentioned or not.

At the time of the Indian insurrection, the inhabitants of the pueblo of Socorro had accumulated considerable wealth. As all the people were very devout Christians, their church was considered a wealthy one, and many statues and other ornaments were of the more precious metals. When the inhabitants were driven off by the Indians, most of the valuables were removed and placed in a drift at the bottom of a 300 foot shaft, and several courses of cedar posts placed over this opening and covered with dirt and rocks. A statue of St. Michael was taken to Socorro, Texas, and is now at the church at that place.

The treasury mine is said to be located on a line between the hot springs and the highest peak on the south end of the Socorros. Don Pedro A. Baca and several other old residents have made searches after the hidden mine, but were unsuccessful, and to this day its location is unknown. It, in all probability, lays under some of the heavy washes in the Socorro mountains, or it is possible that the spring was then farther down the mountain; in fact, during the 180 years that have passed since the burial of the treasure many geographical changes could have taken place.

It is supposed by many that the mine in which the treasure was hidden is the same mine which produced so much gold and silver during the year 1860, and also that the Hidden Bear mine, of which we have some account, is the same one.

At any rate, all the property of the church, and also of the inhabitants of Socorro, was buried somewhere in the Socorro mountains when they were forced to evacuate this city. Its value undoubtedly amounts to many thousands of dollars, and one day will be unearthed by some lucky man.

The mining region about Wickenburg, Ariz., is developing some very fine mines.

Two men dissolved partnership in a mine in Phoenix the other day in a queer way. It was worth about \$7,000, but they could not agree on the value. Finally they took dice to see which should own the whole mine. One was a miner and the other a merchant, and the miner won the mine.

At the Brown Hills mine, in Australia, where the ore carries about 26 per cent zinc, the method adopted to remove the zinc is to roast until the sulphide is changed to an oxide and sulphate, when it is leached out with water, and dilute sulphuric acid, formed by passing the fumes from the roasters into water. This is the plan adopted by Mr. E. R. Holden, at the Holden smelter—now the Globe—and found to be impracticable, after a long test. The trouble was found to be that the roasted ore was almost impervious to water, and leaching was not, on that account, practicable.

SPORTING MATTERS.

TWO 55-YEAR-OLD citizens of Camden, Me., are to have a walking match from that town to Boston to decide which is the swiftest.

EASTPORT, Me., has, according to a local newspaper's unsworn statement, a male resident 89 years old who rides a bicycle, and another of 75 years who plays football.

A GERMAN illustrated paper, Sport im Bild, recently issued, announces that a tournament will be held at Homburg Golf Platz in the last week of July. The first golf course in Germany was established at Weisbaden. Berlin also has its golf club.

Dr. J. P. has just won the Irish lawn tennis championship for the third time in succession, and with Mr. Stoker, the championship in the doubles. The ladies' championship was won by Miss C. Cooper, who, with her sister, also won the doubles, and with Mr. Mahony, the mixed doubles.

GOLF's place in Scottish life is shown by the ceremonies of opening a new links at Bannock, near Edinburgh. The Edinburgh burgesses appointed the day and attended as a body. The lord of the manor, Sir James Gibson Maitland, was the leading figure of the occasion, and his daughter formally driving off the first balls.

A KURALLONG measuring forty-eight and a half inches in length and twenty-one inches around, and weighing thirty-seven pounds, was landed by Gov. Grant, of Wisconsin, at Three Lakes, Wis., recently, with a seven-ounce trout rod. It took him an hour and fifty-six minutes to land the big fish.

NEWS OF PEN AND PENCIL.

MR. RICHARD LE GALLIENNE, the deceased Yellow Book poet, has been engaged to lecture in America next fall.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE was in the habit of writing three hours a day, and composed one thousand words an hour.

The fact that sixty-two literary women sat down to dinner together in London recently is viewed by a leader writer for an English daily as ominous and portentous to the future of man in literature.

PAUL POTTER has gone to the Adirondacks to study the scene of the play he is writing with Bill Nye. The play will deal with the adventures of a hunting party who spent the summer in the Adirondacks and met with mishaps.

Among the many autograph letters of authors preserved by the Tanchett house in Leipzig is one from Thackeray, in which he says: "Don't be afraid of your English, my dear man. A letter containing \$5 d. is always in pretty style."

The old homestead of Jane Grey Swisshelm in Swisshelm, Pa., is the Mecca of many visitors to Pittsburgh. Mrs. Swisshelm was the first woman engaged to report Washington news for a daily newspaper. She was employed for that purpose by Horace Greeley.

SPICY PERSONALS.

JOE MANLEY has been traveling through Ireland, and he sends word home that he never saw finer looking men and women or heard better English spoken than in Dublin.

Gov. FRANK BROWN, of Maryland, is the heir to one-half of the estate of the late James Carroll, whose property is estimated to be worth not less than \$500,000.

DR. LYMAN, the new Mendota hospital superintendent at Madison, Wis., measures six feet five inches, and his brother, Dr. John Lyman, of Eau Claire, six feet seven inches.

Ex-Gov. HOARD, of Wisconsin, is proud of the distinction he enjoys, that of being the best dairyman in the northwest. He will not waste feed on a cow that will not earn \$50 a year with butter at 50 cents a pound.

MR. HENRIK SPENNER is irritated by the use which has been made of his name and views in support of socialism, and he goes so far as to say: "I believe the advent of socialism to be the greatest disaster the world has ever known."

WILLIAM BOYCE, a Muskegon (Mich.) bachelor who died a few days ago, lived in a little room, did his own cooking and everybody supposed he was poverty-stricken. An inventory of his estate shows \$25,000 personal and \$100,000 real estate.

Gov. MORRILL gives out flat and cold that he will never sign a death warrant unless the statute relating to capital punishment is made mandatory. Every governor of Kansas has taken the same view of the matter, and if there is to be any legal hanging in that state the legislature will have to say so.

CLEANED IN ART CIRCLES.

PHIL MAY, of London Punch, is said to be earning more money just now than any artist in England.

ROSA BONNIER's "Going to Market in Britain," 90x31 inches, sold in London for \$7,500; in 1883 it brought \$3,000; in 1870, \$8,925, and in 1888, \$5,700. A Corot, "Le Printemps," brought \$5,000, and Orchardson's "The Story of a Life" \$3,727.

AT Beuron, a Benedictine abbey on the Danube due north of the lake of Constance, a new school of Catholic art has arisen. The monks have painted the decorations of the cathedral at Constance, the frescoes of the life of St. Benedict in the sanctuary at Monte Cassino, near Naples, and the life of the Virgin in the Abbey church of Emaus at Prague.

LANSDOWN'S "Chevy" was sold lately in London for \$29,025, and his "The Sentinel," portraits of two of the dukes of Beaufort's dogs, for \$9,710. Phillips' "Early Career of Murillo" brought \$19,900. Israel's "Pancakes," \$14,735; Hook's "Gold of the Sea," \$5,220, and Wilkie's "The Abbottsford Family," \$3,150. Turner's drawing of Boston was sold for \$1,320, and six vignettes, including "A Shipwreck," "A Ship on Fire" and "Jedburgh Abbey," for from \$400 to \$600.

Hillsboro Gold Output.

Value of Ore Produced During the Past Four Years:

1891—\$253,000.
1892—\$354,424.
1893—\$458,383.
1894—\$432,680.

"The Advocate's" Annual Statement, Compiled from Mill and Smelter Books and Accounts.

Output of 1894—26,225 Tons.

16,785 Ounces Gold.
112,500 Ounces Silver.
155 Tons Copper.

Average Value Per Ton of Output for 1894—\$16.49.

In above statement gold is figured at \$20 per oz.; silver at 60 cents per oz., and copper at \$190 per ton. The return certificates from smelters, mints and bullion buyers, giving gross contents of shipments, are made the basis for computation of ounces gold and silver, and tons of copper at these rates.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

Last Will and Testament of Refugio Armijo de Garcia, Deceased.

To Esperidion Armijo, Lucas Armijo de Martinez, and Solomon Baca, Legatees, and to All to Whom this May Concern:

You are hereby notified that the alleged Last Will and Testament of Refugio Armijo de Garcia, late of the County of Sierra and Territory of New Mexico, deceased, has been produced and read by the Clerk of the Probate Court of the County of Sierra and Territory of New Mexico, on the 18th day of May, A. D. 1895, and the day of proving the said alleged Last Will and Testament was fixed for Monday, the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1895, being a Regular Term of said Court, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Given under my Hand and Seal of said Court this 24th day of July, A. D. 1895.

THOS. C. HALL, Probate Clerk

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NOTICE OF SUIT.

In the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the Territory of New Mexico, in and for Sierra County:

Leven E. Armer, Complainant,

vs.

Carlos E. Warner, Charles L. Ortman, Edward C. Van Hosen, John S. Rankin and C. M. Harmon, Partners in Mining in and Under the Name of the Gipsy Mining Company, Defendants.

The above named defendants, Carlos E. Warner, Charles L. Ortman, Edward C. Van Hosen, John S. Rankin and C. M. Harmon are hereby notified that a Suit in Chancery has been commenced against them as partners in mining in and under the name of the Gipsy Mining Company, in the District Court aforesaid, by the above named complainant, Leven E. Armer, to foreclose his miner's claim of lien on the Gipsy Mine and Mining Claim, situate in the Black Range Mining District, in County and Territory aforesaid, to satisfy and pay to said complainant for work and labor done and performed by him for you on said mine and mining claim the sum of Eight Hundred and Nine Dollars (\$800.00) with legal interest thereon from the first day of July, A. D. 1894, until paid, for costs of suit, including Register's or Special Master's fee, charges and costs of sale, and costs of verifying, filing and recording said claim of lien, and also for a reasonable solicitor's fee, and for foreclosing said claim of lien, and praying that his said claim of lien may be adjudged and decreed to be a valid and subsisting lien on said Gipsy Mine and Mining Claim, and the whole thereof, together with all the improvements thereon; that the whole of said mine and mining claim be deemed to be necessary for the convenient use, occupation and working of the same; that in the event said sum of Eight Hundred and Nine Dollars, interest thereon and the costs, charges and fees above specified are not paid, within ninety days after the entry of the decree in said suit, that said mine and mining claim and all the improvements thereon, be sold by the Register in Chancery or by a Special Master appointed for that purpose, for cash, at public vendue, after giving notice thereof according to law, and that out of the proceeds of said sale said Register or Special Master pay to complainant, or to his solicitor, first the costs of suit, including Register's or Special Master's fee and costs of said sale; second, complainant's solicitor's fee; and third, said sum of Eight Hundred and Nine Dollars, and the interest thereon thereon, or so much thereof as the purchase money will pay of the same, and if not sufficient to pay the whole of said sum of money, and the interest then due thereon, that complainant have personal judgment against you and each one of you, for such deficiency; that upon the sale of said mine and mining claim the title thereto be directed out of said Carlos E. Warner and vested in the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and that said Carlos E. Warner and all persons or parties claiming by, through or under him, subsequent to the 28th day of February, A. D. 1892, either as purchaser, incumbrancer, or otherwise, be decreed to be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title, interest, claim and equity of redemption of in and to said mine and mining claim and premises, and the improvements thereon, or to any part thereof; that said Register or Special Master execute and deliver a deed to said mine and mining claim and premises and improvements to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, upon the payment of the purchase money therefor; that the purchaser or purchasers be let into the possession of said mine and mining claim and premises, upon the production of said deed therefor; that the complainant or any other person or party may become a purchaser at said sale; that costs of suit and sale and solicitor's fee be allowed complainant out of the proceeds of said sale; that said Register or Special Master take receipts of complainant, or of his solicitor, for all sums of money paid him out of the proceeds of said sale, and file said receipts with his report, and if there be any surplus money that he bring the same into Court without delay, and if there be a deficiency that he report the same, and also praying for general relief.

That said defendants are further notified that unless they enter their appearance in said suit on or before the first Monday in September, A. D. 1895, it being a return day of said Court, a decree pro-confesso will be entered in said suit against them and each of them.

Dated June 3, A. D. 1895.

W. B. WALTON,

Clerk of said District Court.

A. B. ELLIOTT,

Attorney for Complainant.

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SILVER CITY, N. M. District Attorney for the Counties of Grant and Sierra.

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